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EXILE!

THE DIMENSION OF DREAMS... AN EERIE STATE OF BEING NEITHER MATTER NOR SPIRIT... IS THE BATTLEGROUND FOR TWO IRRECONCILABLE ANTAGONISTS... YANDROTH, SCIENTIST SUPREME, AND DOCTOR STRANGE, MASTER SORCERER. THE WINNER'S PRIZE... THE LIFE OF VICTORIA BENTLEY! AND THE LOSER'S PENALTY... CERTAIN DOOM!

THE SHIFTINGS TO AND FRO OF THIS DREAM-UNIVERSE MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD A STEADY AIM! BUT WITH MY BLASTER SET AT FULL POWER, I NEED ONLY COME CLOSE TO DESTROY THE MAGICIAN!

UNNNH!

YANDROTH CIRCLED BEHIND ME! I MUST REACH COVER BEFORE HE TRIGGERS HIS WEAPON... TOO LATE!

HE MISSED... BUT THE FORCE OF THE RAY UNBALANCED ME... I'M FALLING--!

IF DR. STRANGE FAILS, I AM LOST!

YES HAVE NOT SEEN, NOR EARS HEARD, THE WONDERS WROUGHT HEREIN BY THE INDOMITABLE IMAGINATIONS OF...
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HERE, THERE IS NO
UP...NO DOWN!
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION
DO NOT *EXIST* IN THE
DIMENSION OF DREAMS!

THERE IS NOTHING
TO HALT ME! I MAY
TUMBLE HELPLESSLY
FOREVER!

CAN IT BE THAT
YANDROTH WILL *ESCAPE*...
REACH THE REFUGE OF HIS
PLANET, WHERE HE CAN
FORCE MISS BENTLEY
TO BECOME HIS BRIDE...

...AND FORMULATE
NEW PLANS OF
CONQUEST!?

HEED ME,
DISCIPLE!

THE MIND OF
THE ANCIENT ONE...
REACHING OUT TO
ME FROM THE
WORLD OF
REALITY!!

I SHALL PROJECT MY WILL
THROUGH THE *TRANS-
HYPNOTIC JEWEL*! LINK
YOUR THOUGHTS WITH
MINE...THAT OUR COMBINED
EFFORT MAY ARREST
YOUR FALL!

THEN, THE AGELESS GURU FOCUSES ALL HIS WISDOM
...HIS *BOUNDLESS COURAGE*...UPON THE GLIMMER-
ING GEM, AND

THROUGH IT SPANS
THE UNTHINKABLE
DISTANCE
BETWEEN
ENERGY
AND
MATTER--!

HOLD FAST,
DR. STRANGE!
WE MUST NOT
FAIL!

I HAVE REGAINED CONTROL OVER MY BODY!
WE HAVE *SUCCEEDED*!

YES! BUT THE
EFFORT HAS
DRAINED ME...I
AM EXHAUSTED
---BARELY ABLE
TO MAINTAIN
CONSCIOUSNESS!

ACT QUICKLY...
FOR IF SLEEP OVER-
COMES ME, THE
PSYCHIC BOND WILL
BE SEVERED--AND
YOU WILL BE MAROONED
IN THE DIMENSION OF
DREAMS FOR ETERNITY!

AND, AT THAT SAME INSTANT...

WAIT!! SO INTENT WAS I ON DEFEATING DR. STRANGE, THAT I FORGOT ABOUT THE NIGHTMARE CREATURES EMERGING FROM THE SHADOWY MISTS!

THOUGH THE MONSTER HAS NO **SUBSTANCE**... IN THIS DIMENSION, WHERE **NOTHING** IS MATERIAL, IT IS **DEADLY!**

AT LAST, THE MAGICIAN HAS FALLEN VICTIM TO MY **SCIENTIFIC SUPREMACY!**

FLEE, WOMAN! FLEE FOR YOUR LIFE!

HER SUDDEN MOVEMENT IS DISTRACTING THE BEAST! BETTER A MERE **EARTHLING**... EVEN ONE SO BEAUTIFUL AS VICTORIA BENTLEY... SHOULD PERISH THAN **YANDROTH!**

BUT SHE MAY YET LIVE TO BE MY QUEEN...! I NEED ONLY TIME TO MAKE A DELICATE **ADJUSTMENT** ON MY BLASTER... TO ALTER THE RAY STRUCTURE FROM FLAME TO DIS-INTEGRATOR FREQUENCY...!

RRRRRAALL

THIS WORLD--AND ITS TERRORS--DRIVE ME TO THE VERY EDGE OF SANITY!

MUST FLEE--!

WHATEVER THE GIRL'S FATE MAY FINALLY BE, I SHALL **LEAVE** THIS DIMENSION OF DREAMS... NEVER TO RETURN! I WAS A **FOOL** TO JOURNEY HERE--

...WHERE THERE ARE NO SCIENTIFIC LAWS... WHERE LOGIC MEANS **NOTHING!** THIS **CHAOS** IS NOT A FIT PLACE FOR THE FINEST SCIENTIFIC MIND IN THE UNIVERSE!

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THOUGH I HAVE LOST MY SENSE OF DIRECTION, MY CLOAK OF LEVITATION HAS NOT! THE MYSTIC GARMENT CARRIES ME SWIFTLY AND SURELY FROM WHENCE I CAME!

YET, IT MAY NOT BE SWIFTLY ENOUGH! THE BEHEMOTH, THE VIKINGS* AND YANDROTH HIMSELF MUST BE SUBDUED--ERE MY MASTER SUCSUMBS TO EXHAUSTION, AND THE PSYCHIC BOND IS SUNDERED!

EACH SECOND WHICH PASSES BECOMES MY MORTAL ENEMY...!

*HAVE PATIENCE, YE VIKING-LOVERS! WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE MOUNTED WARRIORS WHO APPEARED ON THE FINAL PAGE OF OUR LAST ISH... THEY'LL BE ALONG SHORTLY! ...SAGACIOUS STAN.

AWRRRRRR

I MUST CATCH THE BEAST'S ATTENTION... CAUSE IT TO TURN A VITAL SPOT TOWARD ME!

HOLD, MONSTER! YANDROTH COMMANDS IT!

IT PAUSES, CONFUSED AT THE SOUND OF MY VOICE! NOW A SINGLE SQUEEZE OF THE TRIGGER... THERE! THE RAY STRIKES FULL FORCE! NOTHING CAN WITHSTAND SUCH BRUTAL ENERGY!

YANDROTH HAS SLAIN THE BEAST! BUT, WHERE IS THE GIRL? IT IS CERTAIN DEATH FOR HER TO WANDER AMONG THE DREAM APPARITIONS UNPROTECTED!

AGAIN MY TECHNOLOGICAL WIZARDRY PROVES TRIUMPHANT... THE SAME WIZARDRY THAT WILL SOMEDAY CONQUER THE COSMOS!

YET, I DARE NOT SEARCH FOR HER UNTIL I SUBDUCE YANDROTH! WITH EVERY MYSTIC SKILL I POSSESS, I MUST ATTACK!



MY WEAPON HAS DONE ITS WORK WELL... SO I MAY HOLSTER IT ONCE MORE!

MY THIRST FOR ADVENTURE HAS BEEN QUENCHED! I WANT ONLY ONE THING MORE... TO FIND THE GIRL! SURELY NOW THAT SHE HAS SEEN MY VALOR...

SHE WILL WANT TO BE MY QUEEN! I CAN'T SEE HER IN THE MIST... BUT SHE COULD NOT HAVE GONE FAR!

VICTORIA! VICTORIA BENTLEY!

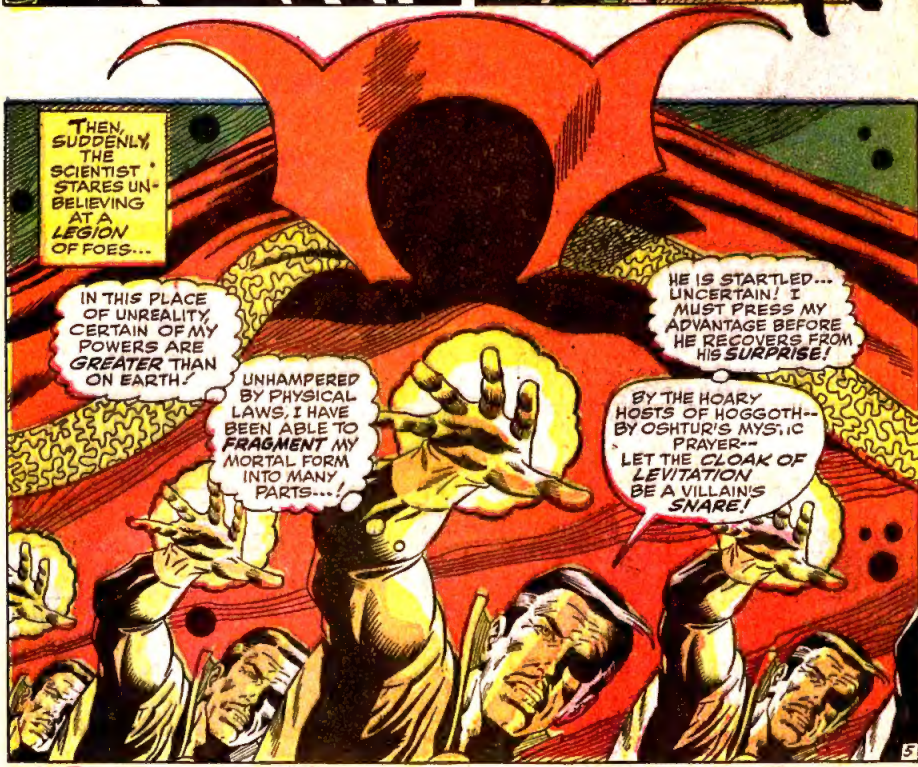
I HEAR YOU, YANDROTH!



NO... NO! THE MAGICIAN...!

I... MY MIND MUST BE SUCCUMBING TO DREAMS... TO NIGHTMARES! YOU ARE DEAD!

I LIVE, YANDROTH! WE ALL LIVE!



THEN, SUDDENLY, THE SCIENTIST STARES UNBELIEVING AT A LEGION OF FOES...

IN THIS PLACE OF UNREALITY, CERTAIN OF MY POWERS ARE GREATER THAN ON EARTH!

UNHAMPERED BY PHYSICAL LAWS, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FRAGMENT MY MORTAL FORM INTO MANY PARTS...!

HE IS STARTLED... UNCERTAIN! I MUST PRESS MY ADVANTAGE BEFORE HE RECOVERS FROM HIS SURPRISE!

BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH-- BY OSHTUR'S MYSTIC PRAYER-- LET THE CLOAK OF LEVITATION BE A VILLAIN'S SNARE!

SWIFT AS THOUGHT
ITSELF, THE ENCHANTED
GARMENT FLIES TO
YANDROTH, AND...

UNNNH! HOW CAN
THIS FLIMSY CLOTH
HOLD ME IN AN UN-
BREAKABLE GRIP?

IT COVERS
MY BELT...MY
BLASTER!

SURRENDER,
YANDROTH! YOU
ARE BESTED!

NEVER!
YANDROTH
IS NEVER
BESTED!

I SHALL STRUGGLE
...AND I SHALL
WIN! FOR I AM
SUPREME AMONG
BEINGS OF THE
UNIVERSE!

WHEN I FREE
MYSELF, YOU SHALL
PAY FOR THIS OUT-
RAGE... PAY WITH
UNDREAMT-OF
AGONIES!

YOUR THREATS
ARE MEANING-
LESS! ONCE MORE,
I ASK YOU TO
SURRENDER!

CAN IT BE
THAT ALL MY
KNOWLEDGE
FALLS BEFORE
THE SAVAGE
SKILLS OF AN
IGNORANT EARTHLING??
NO! I REFUSE TO
BELIEVE IT!

IN THE GEM I SEE
THE GIRL WANDERING,
LOST... AND HOPELESSLY
FRIGHTENED!

THE ANCIENT
WARRIORS ARE
WILY! THEY WAITED
UNTIL YANDROTH
AND I WERE
IN COMBAT... AND
THE MONSTER
WAS SLAIN...

... BEFORE
PURSUING
THE PRIZE
THEY SOUGHT...
THE GIRL!

IF I GO TO HER
AID, I RISK LOSING
CONTROL OF THE
CLOAK... PERMIT-
TING YANDROTH
TO ESCAPE!

MY PATIENCE
GROWS SHORT!
SPEAK... TELL
ME WHERE
THE GIRL
IS!

I DO NOT
KNOW... NOR
WOULD I TELL
YOU IF I
DID!

AND EVEN AT
THIS MOMENT,
THE VIKINGS RACE
TOWARD HER!

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ARE TRUTH,
DISCIPLE!

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THING ☐ YOUTH ☐ ADULT
HULK ☐ YOUTH ☐ ADULT

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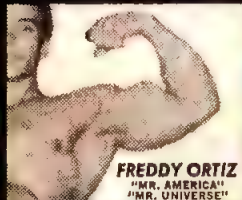
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"MR. UNIVERSE"

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"MR. EUROPE"
"MR. UNIVERSE"

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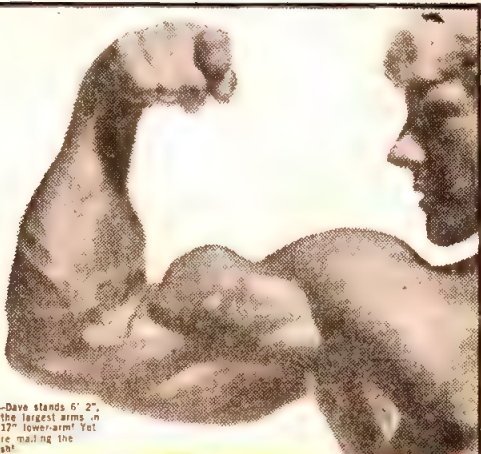


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"MR. AMERICA"
"MR. UNIVERSE"

Winner—Chuck stands 6', weighs 220 lbs., and has a pair of 20" arms—among the strongest in the world! He now a 141-lb. waifling before sending in the coupon! Now, You Can Happen To You!

Welder-Pupil
DAVE DRAPER
"MR. AMERICA"
"MR. UNIVERSE"

Winner, and movie-TV star—Dave stands 6' 2", weighs 235 lbs., and owns the largest arms in the world—21" upper-arm, 17" lower-arm! Yet he was fat and flabby before mailing the coupon! But Why Wast' Rush!



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AND, EVEN AS DR. STRANGE STRUGGLES TO RESOLVE HIS DIRE DILEMMA, THE CENTURIES-OLD SOLDIERS HOWL WITH THE EXCITEMENT OF THE CHASE—AS THEY CLOSE ON THE RUNNING, STUMBLING EARTH GIRL...

SHE CAN NOT ESCAPE OUR BLADES NOW!

THE SPIRIT OF DEATH WILL BE PLEASED WITH OUR SACRIFICE OF HER!

AYE! SO PLEASED HE WILL REMOVE US FROM THIS DEVIL'S LAND AND SEND US BACK TO OUR OWN SACRED SHORES!

EXPLANATORY NOTE: ALTHOUGH THE VIKINGS ARE ONLY ILLUSIONS, THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE REAL... AND SO, IN THIS WORLD OF TIME GONE MAD--THEY ARE!... SMILEY.

I... I'M SO TERRIBLY AFRAID! I CAN'T EVEN THINK...! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME... BUT IT IS!

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO... EXCEPT CALL OUT, AND HOPE SOMEONE HEARS ME IN TIME!

HELP!
PLEASE...
HELP
ME!

THE GIRL'S VOICE!
IT COMES FROM NEARBY!

THE CLOAK LOOSENS!
THAT SCREAM MUST HAVE
DISTRACTED THE
MAGICIAN...LESSEN-
ING HIS MENTAL
CONTROL!

YANDROTH'S
HOLSTER...IS
CLEAR...IS
OF THE MYSTIC
GARMENT!

CAN'T CONCENTRATE
...WITH VICTORIA IN
PERIL! BUT I MUST!
...MUST REGAIN...
POWER OVER THE
CLOAK!

THROUGH SHEER
PHYSICAL
EXERTION, I MIGHT
BE ABLE TO FREE
MYSELF!

I NEED ONLY
REACH MY WEAPON
TO FINISH THIS
STRUGGLE...FINISH
IT TRIUMPHANTLY!

I PRAY HE
DOES NOT
FORCE ME
TO IT!

THERE IS YET
ONE COURSE OF
ACTION OPEN TO
ME! BUT IT WOULD
MEAN A TERRIBLE
FATE FOR THE ONE
CALLED YANDROTH!

ANOTHER
INCH AND I
SHALL HAVE
THE COLD
STEEL WITHIN
MY GRASP!

HELP!!

AND AS VICTORIA BENTLEY'S
DESPERATE PLEA RINGS THROUGH
THE DIMENSION OF DREAMS,
YANDROTH'S FINGERS FIND THEIR
DEADLY GOAL--

I HAVE
NO CHOICE!
I MUST
ACT--NOW!

SNAP!

THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...

WH--? I'M
FALLING!
NO--NO!!

I HAVE
WITHDRAWN MY
PSYCHIC SUPPORT
FROM THE CLOAK--
AND, LACKING
TELEPATHIC CON-
TROL, IT IS ONLY
A THING OF
CLOTH!

WITHOUT
THE SUPPORT
OF THE CLOAK,
YANDROTH WILL
FALL...

...FALL
ENDLESSLY
THROUGH THE
DIMENSION OF
DREAMS!

HE PLUNGES
PAST THE TINY
ISLAND OF REALITY
OUR PRESENCE
CREATED HERE...
AND BECOMES
HIMSELF UNREAL!

YANDROTH IS
NOW IMMORTAL!
HE SHALL NEVER
DIE...FOR A DREAM
DOES NOT DIE, AND
YANDROTH IS NOW
ONLY A DREAM!

PERHAPS IT IS A
FITTING FATE FOR
ONE SO ABSORBED
IN CONTROLLING THE
MATERIAL UNIVERSE
THAT HE COULD NOT
RECOGNIZE THE
EXISTENCE OF THE
SPIRIT!

AND PERHAPS,
NOW THAT YANDROTH'S
PLANS OF CONQUEST
ARE FOREVER
QUELLED, HE WILL
FIND RELEASE
FROM HIS OVER-
WHELMING
AMBITION...AND
KNOW PEACE!



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 Last Name
 Plainly Here

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HOWEVER, THERE IS NO PEACE FOR VICTORIA BENTLEY...

WE HAVE
TOYED WITH
THE FEMALE
ENOUGH!

AYE! MY GOODLY
SPEAR WILL PUT
AND END TO
HER!

MY LUNGS
ARE... BURSTING!
I CAN'T RUN...
ANOTHER STEP!

I FEEL MYSELF
BECOMING WEAK!
THE ANCIENT ONE'S
FATIGUE IS
DIMMING HIS
CONSCIOUSNESS
...FORCING HIM
TO LOOSEN THE
BOND WHICH
LINKS US!

BY THE
SEVEN
RINGS OF
RAGGAPOR,
LET THE
AMULET'S
BEAM
GUIDE
ME!

IF THE
MYSTIC
LIGHT DOES
NOT LEAD
ME TO
VICTORIA
QUICKLY,
YANDROTH'S
FATE WILL
ALSO BE
OURS!

AT THAT INSTANT,
A VIKING SPEAR
WHISTLES TO-
WARD THE GIRL,
AND...

OHNN!
I'VE LOST
MY
FOOTING....!

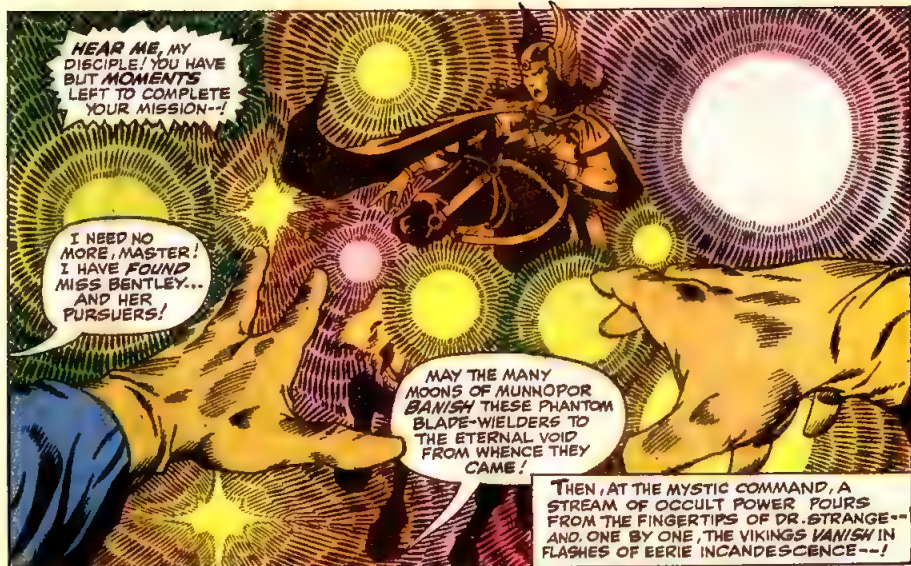
SHUUNK!

THERE'S NOTHING
MORE I CAN DO...
NOTHING EXCEPT
WAIT... AND TRY NOT
TO BE AFRAID OF--
DEATH!

AND, A COSMOS AWAY, AT THE
ANCIENT ONE'S HIMALAYAN
RETREAT...

WEARINESS...
DEVOURS ME!
I CAN NO
LONGER HOLD
THE JEWEL!

I CAN HOLD
BACK SLEEP
FOR ANOTHER
FEW MOMENTS...
AND THEN, I MUST
RELINQUISH
CONSCIOUS-
NESS... AND
WITH IT, THE
LIFE OF DR.
STRANGE!

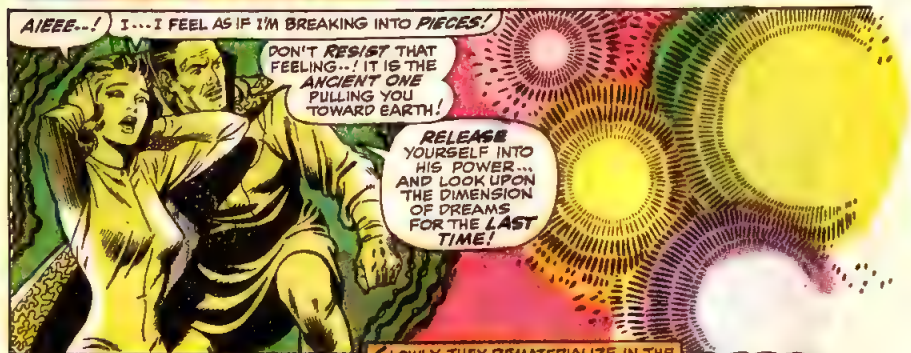


HEAR ME, MY DISCIPLE! YOU HAVE BUT **MOMENTS** LEFT TO COMPLETE YOUR MISSION--!

I NEED NO MORE, MASTER! I HAVE **FOUND** MISS BENTLEY... AND HER PURSUERS!

MAY THE MANY MOONS OF MUNNOPOR **BANISH** THESE PHANTOM BLADE-WIELDERS TO THE ETERNAL VOID FROM WHENCE THEY CAME!

THEN, AT THE MYSTIC COMMAND, A STREAM OF OCCULT POWER FLOWS FROM THE FINGERTIPS OF DR. STRANGE-- AND, ONE BY ONE, THE VIKINGS **VANISH** IN FLASHES OF EERIE INCANDESCENCE--!



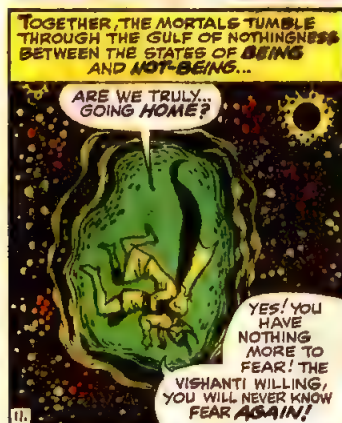
AIEEE...! I... I FEEL AS IF I'M BREAKING INTO PIECES!

DON'T **RESIST** THAT FEELING--! IT IS THE **ANCIENT ONE** PULLING YOU TOWARD EARTH!

RELEASE YOURSELF INTO HIS POWER... AND LOOK UPON THE DIMENSION OF DREAMS FOR THE **LAST TIME!**

SLOWLY, THEY REMATERIALIZE IN THE CHAMBER OF THE **ANCIENT ONE!**

HER LOVELY FACE BECOMES **EMPTY!** ALREADY, THE MEMORY OF THE THINGS SHE HAS SUFFERED IS **FADING!** IT IS BEST GO!



TOGETHER, THE MORTALS TUMBLE THROUGH THE GULF OF NOTHINGNESS BETWEEN THE STATES OF **BEING** AND **NOT-BEING**...

ARE WE TRULY GOING HOME?

YES! YOU HAVE NOTHING MORE TO FEAR! THE **VISHANTI** WILLING, YOU WILL NEVER KNOW FEAR **AGAIN!**



COME, FAITHFUL DISCIPLE! COME AND TAKE THE **REST** YOU HAVE WELL EARNED!

NEXT:
DOCTOR STRANGE
IN HIS
OWN MAG
AT LAST!

TODAY EARTH



AS RECORDED THAT LAST
DAY BY THESE MEN:

**LEE
STERANKO
SINNOTT
ROSEN**

LAST 15H, NICK FURY ADMINISTERED THE FINAL DEATHBLOW TO THE YELLOW CLAW... ONLY TO DISCOVER HIM TO BE AN AUTOMATON! WITH THE AID OF A PROTOTYPE WARP VEST, HE HAS RETURNED TO EARTH, LEAVING THE HUMANOID LOST FOREVER IN THE VOID OF OUTER SPACE! NOW, HE AGAIN KEEPS A LONELY VIGIL AS THE DIRECTOR OF SHIELD, YET THE LAST ENCOUNTER STILL HAUNTS HIM...

I JUST DON'T GET IT! SEEMS LIKE WE WERE ALL VICTIMS OF SOME KINDA GAME... HIDE AND SEEK... SHIELD AND THE YELLOW CLAW!

IT'S CRAZY! MAYBE WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT WAS BEHIND IT ALL! THEY SAY ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE... HUH! HEY... GOTTA FINISH DICTATING THIS LETTER TO JIMMY WOO!

SO, LIKE I SAID, THE CLAW, HIS FLUNKIES AN' THE GIRL WERE ROBOTS! COULD BE SHE WAS THE ONE YOU KNEW BACK IN THE FIFTIES... BUT MAYBE NOT... WHO CAN SAY?

I KNOW JUST HOW YA FEEL... 'CAUSE IT HAPPENED TO ME, TOO, A LONG TIME AGO! BUT IT'S OVER AN' DONE WITH NOW. SO I'M ASKIN' YOU TO CONSIDER MY REQUEST!

NO MATTER HOW YA FEEL ABOUT ME, THINK OF WHAT YOU COULD BE DOIN' FOR UNCLE SAM!

I'LL BE WAITIN'... TO HEAR... FROM... ZZZZZ

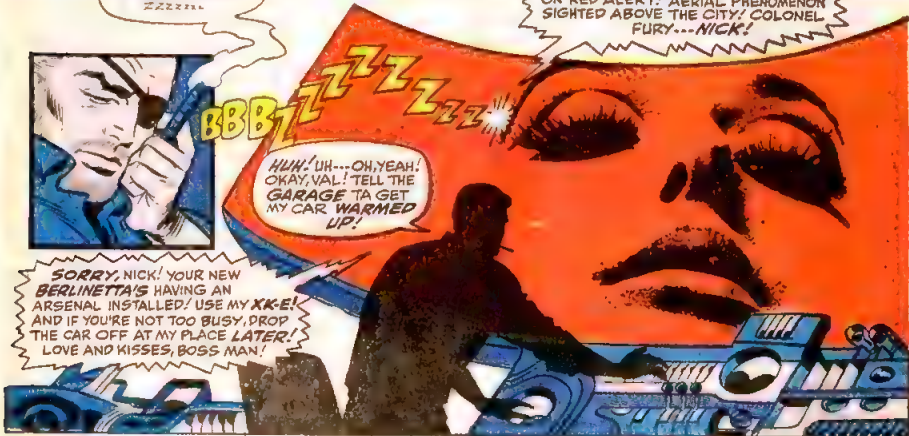
ATTENTION! COLONEL FURY! REPORT JUST RECEIVED THAT SHIELD'S ON RED ALERT! AERIAL PHENOMENON SIGHTED ABOVE THE CITY! COLONEL FURY... NICK!



BBBZZZZZZZZ

HUH! UH... OH, YEAH! OKAY, VAL! TELL THE GARAGE TO GET MY CAR WARMED UP!

SORRY, NICK! YOUR NEW BERLINETTA'S HAVING AN ARSENAL INSTALLED! USE MY XK-E! AND IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY, DROP THE CAR OFF AT MY PLACE LATER! LOVE AND KISSES, BOSS MAN!



HEY! A GIRL LIKE THAT COULD REALLY GET A GUY TURNED ON! YA CAN TAKE JUST SO MUCH SITTING BEHIND A DESK ALL DAY!

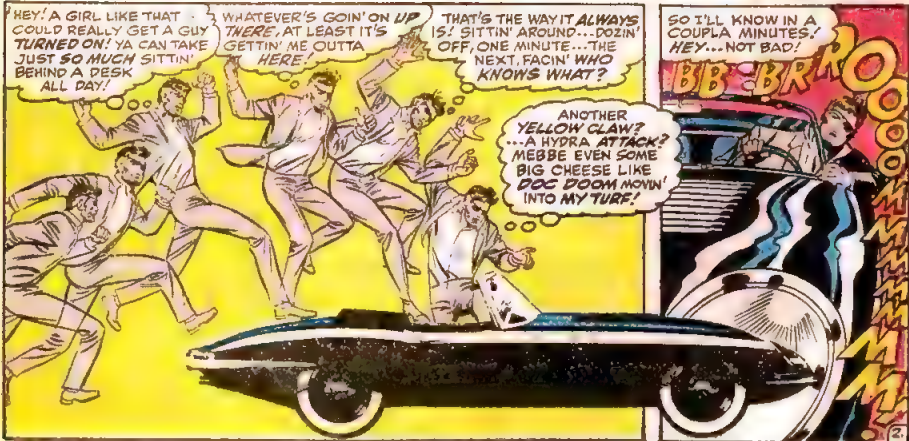
WHATEVER'S GOIN' ON UP THERE, AT LEAST IT'S GETTIN' ME OUTTA HERE!

THAT'S THE WAY IT ALWAYS IS! SITTING AROUND... DOZIN' OFF, ONE MINUTE... THE NEXT FACIN' WHO KNOWS WHAT?

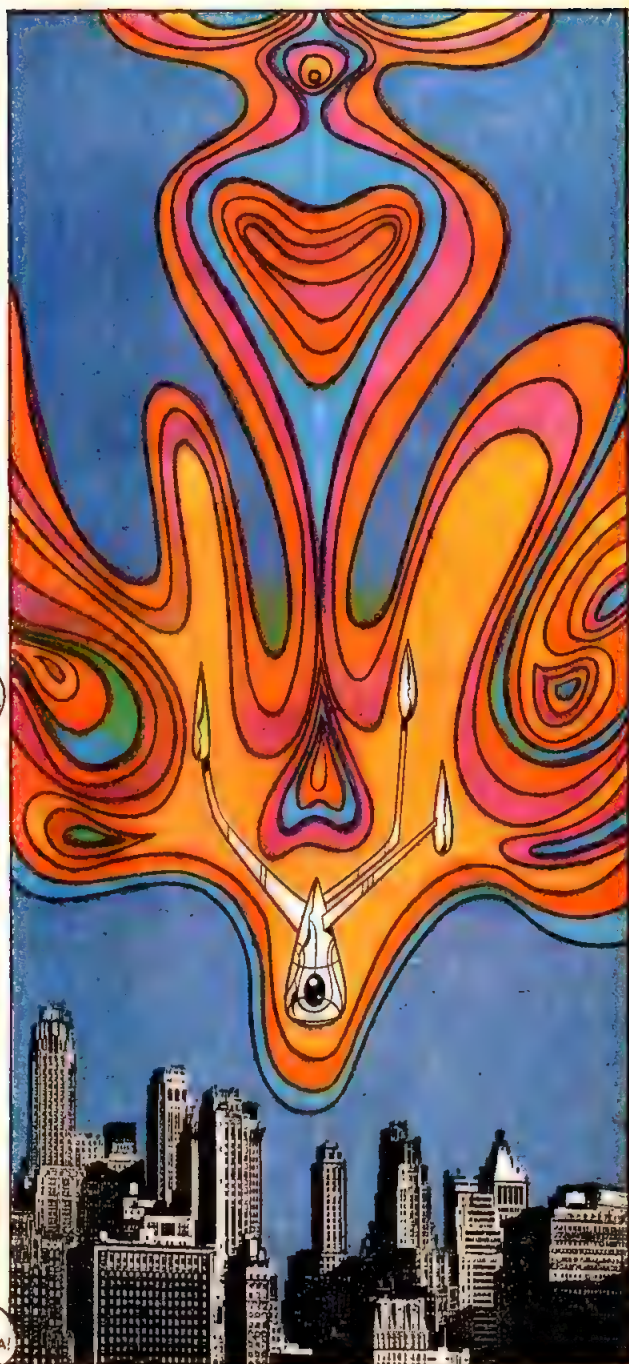
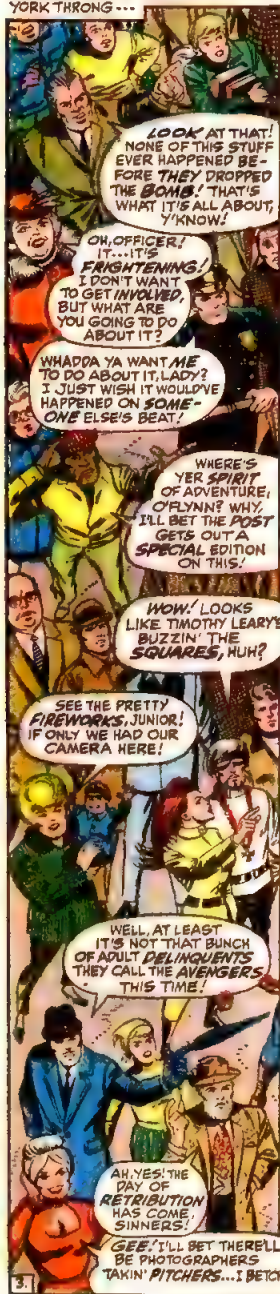
SO I'LL KNOW IN A COUPLA MINUTES, HEY... NOT BAD!

BBB-BRROOOOO

ANOTHER YELLOW CLAW? ...A HYDRA ATTACK? MEBBE EVEN SOME BIG CHEESE LIKE DOC DOOM MOVIN' INTO MY TURF!



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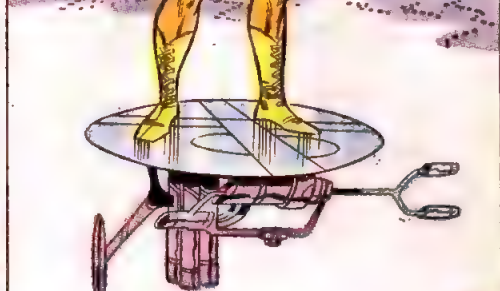
IT'S DESCENDING NOW RATHER RAPIDLY... THE POLICE HAVE EVERY WEAPON AVAILABLE TRAINED ON THE OBJECT... A SHIVER OF AWE, PERHAPS FEAR, PASSES THRU THE CROWD...

OFFICIALS ARE PRESSING THE CROWD BACK... IT LOOKS LIKE THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE GIVING THEM A HAND...

WE CAN SEE THE SHIP CLEARLY NOW...IT SEEMS TO BE OF ALIEN DESIGN! THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS ARE HOLDING THEIR BREATH... LOOK... PART OF THE CRAFT IS SEPARATING...

YES! WE CAN SEE IT NOW... IT...IT'S A MAN...A GOLDEN MAN IN A TUNIC...HE'S HOLDING UP HIS HAND...THE UNIVERSAL GESTURE OF PEACE...AND IN HIS OTHER HAND...

IT LOOKS LIKE A GEM... HE'S DESCENDING TO THE STREET LEVEL ON SOME SORT OF PLATFORM... WAIT...THE POLICE LINE IS PARTING...IT'S A MAN WITH AN EYEPATCH!



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BACK AT SHIELD
HEADQUARTERS...

Y'KNOW, LADY, YER
JUST ABOUT THE MOST
UNLIKELY SECRET AGENT
I EVER SAW!

YES, I KNOW! BUT
THAT'S WHAT MAKES
ME A GOOD ONE...
WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

HUH! UH... OH.
YEAH! GUESS I
WOULD! AW...
YOU KNOW
WHAT I MEAN!

I SAW YATEARIN'
INTO THOSE BADDIES
THE YELLOW CLAW
HAD LINED UP!

BUT THERE I GO AGAIN...
GABBIN' ABOUT 'IM LIKE
HE WUZ A REAL MAN!

FUNNY THOUGH!
NICK AINT BEEN
THE SAME SINCE
KINDA KEEPS TO
HISSELF LATELY!

DO YOU SUPPOSE
YOU'D BE THE
SAME AFTER A
TRIP TO HYPER
SPACE?

YEAH, YER
PROBABLY
RIGHT! HE'S
GOTTA...

UH-OH! THERE GOES
OUR PRIORITY SIGNAL!
LET'S GO, COUNTLESS!

I HAD A FEELIN' FURY'D
CALL US ON THAT BUSINESS
WE WERE WATCHIN' ON THE
MONITOR SCREEN!

DON'T LOOK LIKE
MUCH'A ANYTHING
TA ME, THOUGH! BUT
LIKE THEY SAY... YA
CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK!

OKAY... DUGAN'S
READY FER ACTION!
LET'S GET GOIN', LADY!

WHILE, BACK ON THE STREETS...

PEACE...I COME IN PEACE, MEN OF EARTH! I AM CALLED VAENGR FROM A DIMENSIONAL ULTRA-UNIVERSE UNKNOWN TO YOU!

THE ELDERS OF MY RACE HAVE RULED UPON A GALACTIC EDPIC TO GRANT YOU THE MEANS TO BANISH ALL HATRED, CRIME, WAR AND VIOLENCE FOREVER!

TOO LONG HAS YOUR CIVILIZATION ENDURED THE UNENDURABLE!

THUS, EARTH-LINGS, I GIVE YOU...THE PRISM OF MIRACLES...A COSMIC GEM OF UNCOMMON WONDER!

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S UP TO ME, MISTER.

I'LL SEE IT GETS INTO THE RIGHT HANDS!

VERY WELL, EARTHMAN!

SIMPLY PEER INTO THE PURPLE IRIS AND YOUR EVERY WISH SHALL MATERIALIZE!

NEVER AGAIN WILL A SINGLE HUMAN BE FOUND WANTING!

LIKE I SAID, I'LL SEE IT GETS TO THE RIGHT FOLKS! NOW, SPOSE WE GET OFF'A THE STREET BEFORE THAT MOB PANICS!

HOW 'BOUT YOUR SHIP?

LOOKS LIKE WE GOT HERE RIGHT ON THE **BUTTON** LADY!

LOOKS THAT WAY, DUGAN! COLONEL FURY'S GETTING INTO THE CRAFT!

I DOUBT IT, BUT LET'S SEE IF HE NEEDS US!

VAL! DUM DUM! WHAT'D YA DO, TAKE THE BUS? HUSTLE IT UP, WILL YA?

IT AIN'T EVERY DAY WE GET A VISITOR LIKE THIS ONE!

GOT HERE AS SOON AS WE COULD, NICK! THE TRAFFIC'S FROZEN ON THE STREETS!

WE HEARD WHAT HE SAID! BUT...WE'LL CALL IT A WOMAN'S INTUITION, BUT I HAVE A FEELING, NICK!

SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE WHAT IT SHOULD BE!

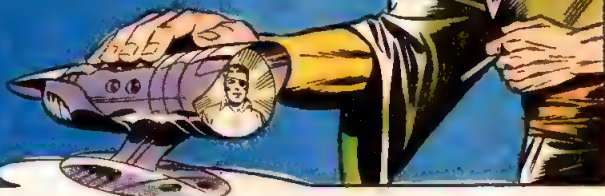
I'M HIP, BABY! LOOK AROUND YA...THE GADGETS, THE CHAIRS...ALIEN! THEY JUST AINT MADE FOR THE HUMAN BODY!

GOT YOUR IMAGE SCANNER WITH YA? USE IT!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IS SOMETHING WRONG? WHAT IS IT, EARTH-LING? WHAT IS IT?

==GASP!==

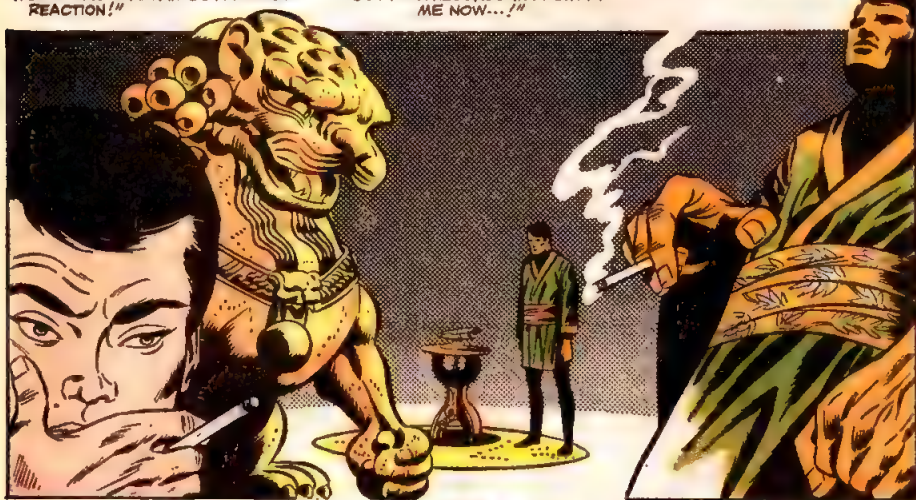
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ANOTHER SECTION
OF MANHATTAN, A
TALL FIGURE IN AN
ORIENTAL ROBE
WATCHES THE SHIELD
RAMROD ON A
MINIATURE VID-
RECEPTOR...



"FURY SPEAKIN'! GUESS I OUGHTA BE
TALKIN' TO YA FACE-TO-FACE! BUT I
GOT A PILE'A DESK WORK HERE, SO I'M
SENDING THIS VID-COM TAPE INSTEAD!
BEEN TALKIN' TA SOME OF THE SHIELD
BOYS 'BOUT MAKIN' JIMMY WOO A
PART O' OUR TEAM AN' GOT A MIXED
REACTION!"

"A COUPLE OF 'EM GOT THE IDEA
YER STILL WRAPPED UP ABOUT
THE GIRL! THEY THINK I'D BE TAKIN'
A CHANCE GETTIN' YOU INTO SHIELD,
'CAUSE YA STILL GOT IT IN FER ME!
BUT I FIGURE THEY GOT IT WRONG!
I GOT YOUR RECORDS IN FRONT'A
ME NOW...!"

"LOOKS LIKE YOU BEEN CUT OUT
TA BE A SHIELD AGENT! 'COURSE
I CAN'T MAKE UP YER MIND FOR
YA! BUT I GOT A HUNCH THE F.B.I.'S
LOSS WOULD BE OUR GAIN! SO
LIKE I SAID..."



BUT, AT THAT VERY
INSTANT, THE ALIEN
STRANGER REALIZES
HIS HUMAN GUISE
HAS BEEN PENETRATED...
AND WITH A MERE
GESTURE RELEASES
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OF LETHAL ENERGY AT
THOSE STANDING
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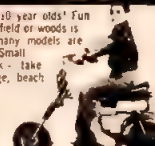
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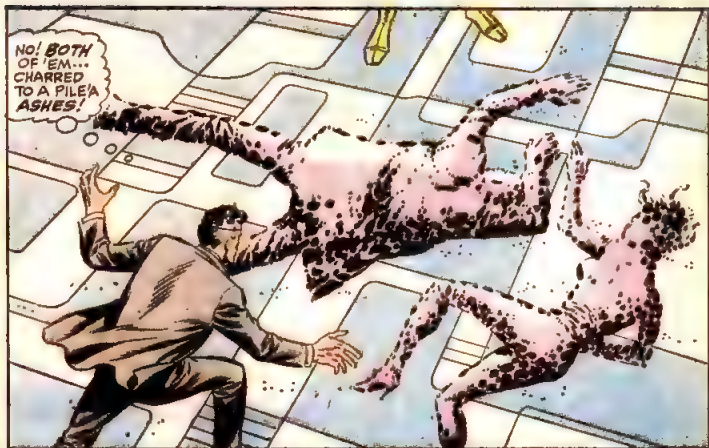
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TO A PILEA
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FOR THEY HAD DIS-
COVERED MY SECRET!
NO ONE MUST KNOW
BEFORE MY MISSION
IS ACCOMPLISHED!

THEIRS WAS A
QUICK DEATH!
NOW...

MEBBE... MISTER...
WHATEVER-YA-ARE...
BUT FIRST, I SWEAR
I'M GONNA KILL YA
FOR WHAT YA
JUST DID!

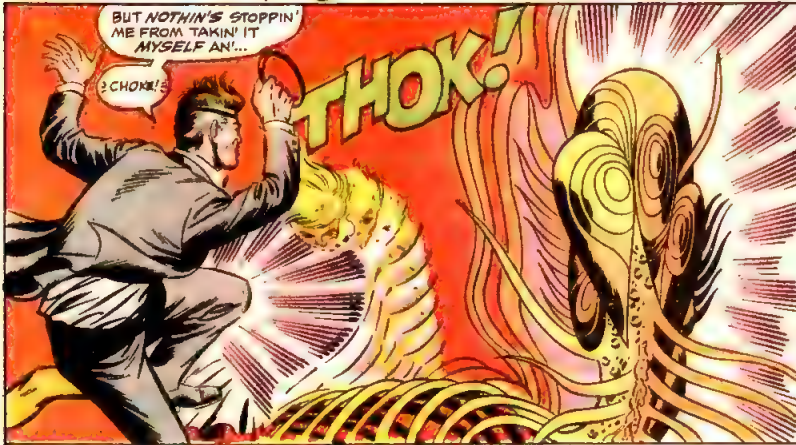
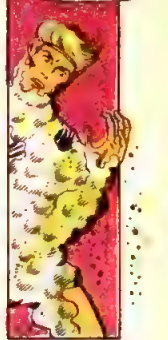
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CAN'T STOP YA
FROM BLASTIN'
ME WITH ONE'A
THEM LIGHTNIN'
BOLTS...

BUT THIS MOLD
COCCOON PELLET'L
DO THE JOB ALL
RIGHT! IN ANOTHER
SECOND YOU'LL BE...
HUH??

THAT HEADBAND...
NO USE MAKIN' A
GRAB FOR IT,
CREEP... YOU'LL
NEVER MAKE IT
NOW...



YOU ARE
NEXT,
EARTHLING!



BUT NOTHIN'S STOPPIN'
ME FROM TAKIN' IT
MYSELF AN'...

CHOKES!

THOK!

... AND AS
FURY RIPS
THE THIN
CIRCLE OF
METAL
FROM THE
ALIEN'S HEAD,
HE GOES
THROUGH
AN UN-
BELIEVABLE
MUTATION...
SHRINKING,
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... UNTIL HE
EMERGES
IN HIS
TRUE FORM...
AN UN-
DESCRIBABLE
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FROM
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THE HEADBAND...IT TURNED HIM INTO A HUMAN! CAN IT TURN ME INTO AN ALIEN?...SOME KINDA MONSTER LIKE HIM...BUT BIGGER... AN' STRONGER...CAN IT?

THEN, A SPLIT MICRO-SECOND LATER, THE BEING THAT WAS ONCE COLONEL FURY IS GONE...AND IN HIS PLACE, A GIGANTIC FIGURE FAR BEYOND DESCRIPTION OF MERE HUMAN WORDS...A FIGURE THAT LASHES OUT IN A SAVAGE FRENZY, BEGINNING A SPINE-CHILLING DUEL OF UNEARTHLY GARGOYLE...



YOU ARE TOO LATE! EVEN IF YOU COULD HAVE DEFEATED ME, YOU'RE TOO LATE!

YOU SEE, THE PRISM OF MIRACLES IS A WORLD-KILLING MACHINE... AND THE PURPOSE OF MY RACE IS TO ELIMINATE ALL LIFE...EVERYWHERE!

LISTEN! ALREADY GREEDY EARTHLINGS HAVE TURNED ON THE MACHINE AND BEGUN TO UPSET THE BALANCE OF YOUR UNIVERSE! IT IS ALL OVER! ALL OVER!



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HERE IT IS! PROOF POSITIVE THAT THE BIGGEST BRAINS AT MARVEL --- DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING!

ITEM! Now that you're starting to recover from the sensational shock of seeing **CAPTAIN AMERICA** and the Incredible **HULK** in their own magnificent mags—hold tight! Here comes the next dazzling development in the Second Golden Age of Marvel—I On sale right now you'll find three (count 'em, THREE) more titanic titles to boot you out of your tree! You guessed it—IRON MAN and SUB-MARINER have just been awarded full-length, monthly mags of their own—and adventureland will never be the same! You know how valuable a first edition of any other Marvel masterpiece would be to day...such as the first edition of **FANTASTIC FOUR**, or the Amazing **SPIDER-MAN**...well, just imagine how much IRON MAN #1 and SUB-MARINER #1 will be worth after you've kept them for a while! One thing you can't even begin to imagine is the excitement, drama, and suspense we've packed into each gala premiere issue! So, why waste time with any more chatter? They're on sale now! They're great! Get 'em!

ITEM! But we mentioned THREE new titles, didn't we? (Thought we goofed again, huh? Nyahh!) Well, here's the other one you've been eagerly awaiting—possibly the biggest, fastest smash-hit to come along since NOT BRAND ECCH! So overwhelming has been the reaction to the new star of **MARVEL SUPERHEROES**, that we've been forced to give none other than **IRON MAN** his own full-length monthly mag—starting now! Yessir, he's on sale at this very minute, proving once again that what a Marvel fan wants...he GETS! And even THAT isn't all! Read on, rascalpation—

ITEM! We had to do something with **MARVEL SUPERHEROES** since we kicked C. M. upstairs, and do something we did! We've decided to use this giant-sized, 25¢ bi-monthly mag as a vehicle for experimentation, and for presenting the most off-beat strips of all, both old and new. So, just for starters, we're featuring a brand-new, never-before-published, full-length adventure of **SPIDER-MAN** in the issue of **MARVEL SUPERHEROES** which is now on sale! However—it's a different type of Spider-Man—drawn by a different artist—just as an experiment. We couldn't decide what to do with it—so, instead of keeping it hidden on a shelf, we thought we'd present it to you and see what you think. The story line is somewhat offbeat and not the usual Spidey adventure, and it's—ahh, why bother! You'll see for yourself in M.S.H. #14!

ITEM! And, speaking of new titles, manic Marvel has put together a totally different type of publication, just for you! It's a hilarious, laugh-packed illustrated joke book called "GROOVY!" It's on sale now, for no more than the price of any other comic mag—and if laughter's your bag, we urge you to grab a copy. But now, on to other subjects, before you start thinking that we're in this biz for the money!

ITEM! Once again we've received a letter in which we thought all of Marveldom might be interested. So, without any further ado—

Dear Bullpen, I want to compliment all you guys for the great entertainment your mags bring to the invalids and the ill in our nation's hospitals. Being a volunteer worker at a hospital in Philadelphia, I know how lonely some of the patients are, so I gather up all of my doubles and distribute them among the patients. Unfortunately, I've only enough for one floor, so I'm asking all kids with any extra Marvels to bring them to the nearest hospital if they want to make a lot of patients happy.

Thanks from myself and the many patients for the hours of enjoyment you furnish. Sincerely,
Josh Zissman
6716 N. 17th St. R. Phila., Pa.

Our thanks to you, Josh, for a most worthwhile gesture and a grand idea. May we suggest that all our friends bring Marvel mags—or indeed, ANY worthwhile periodicals—to the nearest hospital as often as possible. You may not get a medal, but it's things like that which make life just a little bit nicer for others—and isn't that really what it's all about?

MORE SURPRISES next ish—plus the final rank of Marveldom for you to memorize and treasure fore'er! But now, since we're running plumb outta room, let's bow our heads for the nonce and think tidy thoughts, as we get into the mood for our sermon of the month, delivered as usual by our grinnin' guru—Smilin' Stan himself—!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

We TOLD you that Marvel would make '68 the year of the big changes, the big excitement, and the big surprises! Well, believe it or not, there's still more in store for you! We've another couple of new titles to announce on this page next ish—and still more unexpected goodies to dangle before you as the months speed by! It's all part of a promise, a pledge we made a long time ago, when we vowed to continually improve the quality of comic magazines—to make you proud to be a Marvelite. (Incidentally, didja know that more than a dozen college professors thruout America now use Marvel mags in their English Litt. courses as supplemental material? It's only a start—but we're getting there, gang!) Anyway, we're presently working on a totally new magazine, one which may completely change the whole complexion of the comic book format. We expect it to be a sensation, a success since Marvel itself first burst upon the public awareness with the impact of an H-bomb! Watch for clues in the months to come, and till we meet again—let's be good to each other. There's gotta be SOME hope for a race that keeps reaching for the stars!—Smiley

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NOT BRAND ECCH! #7: So hilarious that it's still on sale! We don't want anyone to miss the hysterical **ORIGIN OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR**—or the brain-blasting **ORIGIN OF SUPERMAN!** But hurry—there aren't many left!

FANTASTIC FOUR #74: We only need to mention one word—and to advise you to get to your magazine dealer early! That word, of course, is—**CALACTUS!** And we'll just whisper that the **SILVER SURFER** flies again!

SPIDER-MAN #60: Have you ever had one of those days when everything goes wrong? Well, when it happens to you or me, so what? But when it happens to **SPIDEY**—while he's engaged in a life-or-death battle with the craven **KINGPIN**—look out!

AVENGERS #51: **GOLIATH** regains his growing power! **THOR** battles **IRON MAN!** The macabre **COLLECTOR** tries once more to add the **AVENGERS** to his trophy case! It all adds up to action, loyal one—and we did it just for you!

X-MEN #43: With **PROFESSOR X** dead, and the now leaderless **X-MEN** at their lowest ebb—**MAGNETO** strikes! This drama-drenched powerhouse is an absolute must for all mutant-watchers! 'Nuff said!

DAREDEVIL #39: This is what you've been clamoring for! A new, truly unforgettable arch-villain, named the **EXTERMINATOR!** (And it's not hard to guess why!) Plus, the return of **APE MAN**, **BIRD MAN**, and **CAT MAN!** All that and DD too! How lucky can ya be?

THOR #151: At last! The mightiest hero of all regains his matchless power during the most dramatic sequence you've ever thrilled to! But, it looks as though it may be too late to gain a vital victory over the **DESTROYER**—and, wouldja believe—**ULIK!**

CAPTAIN AMERICA #101: We're so excited about this one, we can hardly get the words out! Remember the almost legendary tale of the **THREE SLEEPERS?** Well, it seems there was a **FOURTH**—and, not only that—the **RED SKULL** lives again! Don't dare miss it!

INCREDIBLE HULK #103: The **HULK** returns to earth and discovers his last living friend, **RICK JONES**, has turned against him! Then, at his lowest ebb, he must face the most awesome menace of all—the **SPACE PARASITE!**

IRON MAN #1: In this pulse-pounding premiere issue, Shellhead stops an attempt by AIM to duplicate his armor—and at last unmask the "Maggia" loathsome leader, **BIG M! Plus, the ORIGIN OF IRON MAN!** It's too much!

SUB-MARINER #1: At last, the long-awaited "ORIGIN OF SUB-MARINER!"—along with the senses-shattering secret of Subby's amnesia-plagued year! This has to be the most eagerly-anticipated Marvel premiere ever!

CAPTAIN MARVEL #1: Now, in his own magnificent mag, **CAPTAIN MARVEL** locks horns with the senses-shattering **SENTRY** in a titanic, twenty-page epic you'll never forget! At least, we hope not!

SGT. FURY #53: In their most deadly mission yet, the **HOWLERS** go for broke to capture Hitler's right-hand man from an invincible fortress in the Bavarian Alps! It's the biggest battle-mag blockbuster of 'em all!

CAPTAIN SAVAGE #2: Acclaimed such a shell-shocked sensation that we're leaving it on sale for another month—and no wonder, since it features the rip-roaring return of—**BARON STRUCKER!**

MARVEL SUPERHEROES #14: An all-new, never-before-printed super-saga starring the one and only—**SPIDER-MAN!** All this plus more golden-age adventures of **CAPTAIN AMERICA**, **SUB-MARINER**, and the **HUMAN TORCH**, for a mere quarter! You'd better believe it!

MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS #14: The **FE**, **Iron Man**, **Doctor Strange**, and the **HULK**—all in one action-packed issue you'll never forget—unless you're holding out on the **Marvel Age of Comics!** (Perish the thought!)

MARVEL TALES #14: **SPIDEY**, **GIANT-MAN**, **THOR**, and the magnificent **IRON MAN**—almost more than mortal Marvelite can bear! It's a must for you glitzy groovers in this goofy generation!



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STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan,

Magnificent! Colossal! Stupendous! Forbushous? What? **STRANGE TALES** #165, of course! Never have I ever seen such a magnificent mag. The idea of having Fury beaten because of having battle fatigue was colossal. And Doc Strange is getting better all the time! 'Nuff said!

Jim Bussiere, Rt. #4
Green Bay, Wisc. 54301

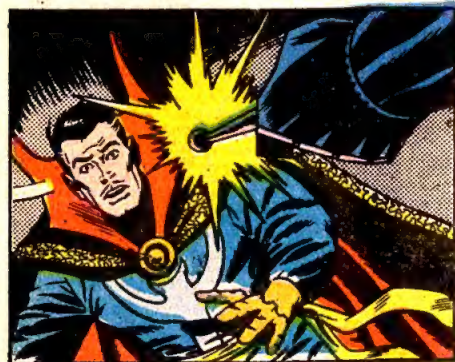
If you say so, J. B. — it's good enough for us!

Dear Stan,

In **STRANGE TALES** #164 Nick Fury is depicted as thinking, "... the light is converted to energy! An' every fifth grader knows ya can't see energy!" Well, Fury had better go back to the fifth grade. Light itself is a form of radiant energy that stimulates the sensory nerves of the eye — except the individual cases of infra-red and ultraviolet light. Light waves being a form of electromagnetic waves, the frequency of the light could be changed to an invisible form such as radio or magnetic waves, but to say that light waves could be converted to energy is a blunder unbecoming the director of **SHIELD**. But, until Fury passes grade school, please hurry — back Fury!

Mike Butler, 602 W. Highmoor
Stockton, Cal. 95207

What say we make a deal, Mike? We'll send Jim Steranko back to his fifth grade correspondence course — if you'll promise to stop writing poetry! Fury and hurry? Sheesh! Oh well, at least we'll send you a no-prize for spotting our gargantuan goof. Just don't expect it to be approved by Poet Laureate Forbush!



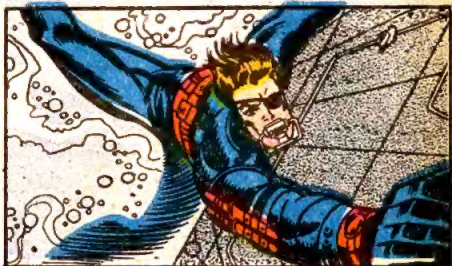
Dear Stan,

I've only been a Marvel Maniac for about a year now, but I've read a lot of the back issues. I just had to comment on the suggestion that Dr. Strange fight normal supervillains. In my estimation, Dr. Strange has been getting better every issue, and I wouldn't want things changed.

But I'd love to see him visit in some of your other mags, such as **AVENGERS** or **THOR**. Wouldn't he go over great in Asgard? Thanks for putting out the first comics on an adult level that I've ever seen. Make mine Marvel!

Peggy Ann Dolan, Box 4227
University, Miss.

You talked us into it, Peg — and you also got us thinking along the lines of seeing the Doc take a little vacation trip across the fabled Rainbow Bridge into Asgard! We can't tell you exactly *when* it'll happen — but you can be sure we'll hit you with it when you least expect it! So, until the Master of the Mystic Arts and Big Daddy Odin get together to compare amulet collections, stay with us, pussycat! The best is yet to come!



Dear Stan,

Nick Fury lives! You bet your eyepatch, he does! Yes, sir, Jim Steranko draws an Agent of **SHIELD** that really lives and breathes — and shoots at the bad guys! In the first few issues of **SHIELD** that he drew, Jim's art wasn't up to par, but then came a turning point. Starting with the double page illo in issue #156, his art began to improve. His best work of all has been in the Yellow Claw episodes (maybe that was when he started to do the coloring chores?). Whatever you do, keep Jim on **SHIELD**. Concerning Dr. Strange, Dan Adkins is THE artist. He has a style not unlike the original **STRANGE** artist, but Dan is more of a perfectionist. He puts in more detail and background, and is a bit more realistic. Jim Steranko and Dan Adkins — two names that should forever be associated with Marvel. Oh, by the way, whatever happened to 'Nuff? He hasn't said much lately!

Thomas Miller, 483 Wilton Dr.
Baton Rouge, La. 70815

And why should he, Tommy lad — when there are art critics like you around to do the talking for him? As a matter of fact, Dapper Dan and Jaunty Jim are wondering if you couldn't maybe write us a hundred letters every month instead of just one! Anyway, we think you're in for a real treat next month when both Fury and Doc Strange go into their own mags! That means from now on you'll be getting *twice* the awesome artwork by our two talented titans every month! Groovy! Groovy!

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